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SUBJ: PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS IV GRANTEE: IMAM OF NDJAMENA

REF: NDJAMENA 2150-C

1. IN CONVERSATION JULY 14 WITH PAO, IMAM APPEARED OPEN TO ALL SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING "ROGER WILLIAMS REVISITED" U.S. JOURNEY CENTERING ON ROLE OF RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN U.S., FREEDOM OF WORSHIP, SECULAR EDUCATION, ETC.. SUGGEST SUCH A PROGRAM EXPOSING IMAM TO AS MANY MINORITY RELIGIONS AS POSSIBLE -- JUDAISM INCLUDED -- AND CONVERSATIONS WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS. BESIDES MUSLIMS, WOULD SUGGEST STOPS IN AMISH COUNTRY, BAHAI TEMPLE IN WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, ETC.. GRANTEE IS OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE AND TRIP PRESENTS, IN EMBASSY OPINION, UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE DEGREE OF RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE AND FREEDOM IN U.S. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE SEEING WORSHIP SERVICES OF RELIGIONS WHEN POSSIBLE.
 2. HE AGREEABLE TO BEING INTERVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED, WOULD APPRECIATE HOME HOSPITALITY. DESPITE FACT HE SPEAKS ONLY ARABIC, WOULD MAKE EXCELLENT MUTUALITY CANDIDATE IN EXPLAINING ROLE OF ISLAM IN AFRICA.
 3. N. B. IMAM INFORMS US THAT USSR HAS INVITED HIM TO RUSSIA FOR THIRD TIME DURING SAME TIME FRAME AS U.S. TRIP. IMAM TOLD THEM HE HAD BEEN THERE TWICE BEFORE, HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION TO
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